

National Naval Medical Center

CIVILIAN NURSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW)

The Nurse Internship Program (NIP) is intended to orient recent graduates and registered nurses with minimal clinical experience to the profession of nursing. The NIP is a 16-week program consisting of classroom lectures and hands-on clinical experience. Classroom subject matter includes JCAHO, patient safety, pain management, respiratory care, transfusion services, glucometer training, combat casualty care, and much more. The clinical experience is guided by the assigned unit preceptors, with oversight by the clinical educator and director of the nurse internship program.

CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Medical-Surgical/Oncology Ward	Four Weeks
Surgical Ward	Four Weeks
Critical/Specialty Care (ICU, MICC etc)	Four Weeks
Assigned clinical area/unit	Four Weeks

SPECIALTY AND CRITICAL CARE ROTATION

The nurse intern will rotate through 3 specialty and/or critical care areas based on interest and needs of the command.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION ORIENTATION

The nurse intern will actively participate in a 3-day orientation to medication administration during his/her medical/surgical rotation. This orientation will be directly supervised by the preceptor or clinical educator

COMMAND AND NURSING ORIENTATION

The nurse intern will attend command and nursing orientation where safety, confidentiality, infection control, universal precautions and much more are reviewed.

CLASSES AND TRAINING

The nurse intern is expected to have a current BLS card and will complete all required command and nursing classes prior to completion of the NIP. Required classes include Annual Command Training, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPPA), DoD Information Assurance Awareness Training and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High End Explosives (CBRNE) Training.